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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO HEADS OF XCSS DELEGATIONS FROM XCSS CHAIRMAN JOLLES WHICH MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT. SWISS DELEGATION HAS INFORMED US THAT DINNER MEETING OF INFORMAL XCSS BUREAU ON OCT. 20 WILL BE HELD AT SWISS EMBASSY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT, AT THE LAST SESSION OF OUR COMMITTEE, WE HAD A DISCUSSION, WITH A VIEW TO THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRIALISED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ABOUT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND OF THE TWOHIGH-LEVEL GROUPS SET UP UNDER ITS AEGIS. SINCE THEN, THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ADOPTED AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION. FURTHERMORE, THE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE BEGUN LAST APRIL HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED, AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT WHEN WE SIT AGAIN, THE PREPARATORY MEETING CONVENED FOR 13TH OCTOBER WILL BE OVER.

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THE SCOPE OF THIS DIALOGUE HAS BEEN BROADENED, AS

EVIDENCED BY THE PROSPECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR COMMISSIONS TO DEAL WITH ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS RESPECTIVELY. THE DIALOGUE NOW COVERS AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF QUESTIONS WHICH ARE UNDER STUDY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BY OUR ORGANISATION.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND I THEREFORE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD USE OUR NEXT MEETING ON 21ST AND 22ND OCTOBER, 1975, TO CONSIDER WHAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PREPARE FOR THE DIALOGUE IN A CO-ORDINATED AND EFFICIENT MANNER. ONE OF OUR TASKS WILL BE TO DEFINE THE ROLE OF OUR COMMITTEE IN THIS REGARD.

IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO PROCEED IN TWO STAGES, THE FIRST OF WHICH WOULD BE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION, AND THE SECOND THE ACTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON 21ST OCTOBER AT 10:30 A.M. IN ROOM 2 OF THE NEW BUILDING, WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE GENERAL PROSPECTS FOR THE DIALOGUE AND WITH THE AIMS OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIPS. THIS SHOULD ALSO GIVE US SOME IDEA OF WHAT OUR COMMITTEE MIGHT DO TO ASSIST OUR GOVERNMENTS AND OF THE DEGREE OF CO-ORDINATION DESIRABLE.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF OUR COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ON THE SAME DAY AT 3.30 P.M. IN ROOM 1 OF THE NEW BUILDING. ITS PURPOSE WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ON THE BASIS OF THE ANNOTATIONS PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

I HOPE THAT THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ENABLE US TO TAKE STOCK OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE BODIES PREPARING THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF DISCUSSION WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY THE DIALOGUE, TO MAKE AN OVERALL APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION AND TO ESTABLISH A REALISTIC PROGRAMME OF WORK. END TEXT.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM LANGUAGE OF JOLLES' LETTER (PARA 5) WHETHER JOLLES' CONCEPT OF ROLE OF XCSS DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT OF VAN LENNEP AS REPORTED REFTEL. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS WITH VAN LENNEP AND HEADS OF DEL ON TUESDAY, AND WILL NEED WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL. AS XCSS DATE APPROACHES, IT WILL ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE A

GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH JOLLES.
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